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SUBJECT:MBFR WORKING GROUP PAPER ON IMPLICATIONS OF REVISED
DATA IN RELATION TO GROUND FORCE DEFINITION ISSUE

REF: A.NATO 4452 B. NATO 4450 C. NATO 4341

1. WE FIND REVISED TEXT OF MBFR WG PAPER AS CONTAINED IN
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REF A. GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE, IN THAT IT SATISFACTORALLY

OUTLINES THE ADVANTAGES, DISADVANTAGES AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE VARIOUS CASES.

2. RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC MODIFICATIONS TO THE PAPER. ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC MODIFICATIONS IN PREPARATION.

A. PARA 15A CHANGE THE WORD "AREA" TO "AIR". THE ACCEPTED TERM BEING USED IN MBFR TO IDENTIFY THESE POLISH CORRECTION APPLIES TO PARA 33A. (SECOND SENTENCE) AND PARA 30A(I) AS WELL.

B. PARA 16E, DELETE "WHICH COULD BE 10 PERCENT", FROM THIRD SENTENCE.

C. PARA 18A THIRD SENTENCE, INSERT "BE DIFFICULT AND" FOLLOWING "THIS COULD..."

D. PARA 19 DELETE THIRD SENTENCE "IT WOULD NOT EMBRACE ALL GROUND FORCES IN THE AREA:" AND SUBSTITUTE "IT WOULD NOT EMBRACE THOSE ELEMENTS OF THE POLISH AND CZECH NATIONAL AIR DEFENSE COMMANDS CURRENTLY CATEGORIZED AS "GROUND FORCES" BY NATO."

E. PARA 30. PARA SHOULD BE REWRITTEN TO MORE CLEARLY EXPRESS INTENT. CURRENT WORDING IS AMBIGUOUS.

F. ADD A PARA 30A(3) "CASE 1 WOULD PRESENT LESS OF A VERIFICATION PROBLEM THAN CASE 2 IN THAT CASE 2 EXEMPTS A CATEGORY OF SOVIET FORCES FROM THE REDUCTION BASE.

G. PARA 33E, INSERT THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE AFTER THE PRESENT SECOND SENTENCE WHICH ENDS "...TO BE ADDRESSED FOR REDUCTION.": "IT WOULD, HOWEVER, SUBSTANTIALLY DILUTE THE NATO CONCEPT OF ADDRESSING ONLY FORCES IN ARMY UNIFORM BY ADDING TO THE GROUND FORCE REDUCTION BASE APPROXIMATELY 29,000 NATO AIR FORCE PERSONNEL."

H. PARA 33H, INSERT WORD "ADDITIONAL" BETWEEN "THE" AND "VERIFICATION" IN FIRST LINE.

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I. PARA 33J, ADD ADDITIONAL SENTENCE AFTER THE PRESENT SENTENCE: "IT MAY THEREFORE BE DESIRABLE TO AVOID COMMITMENT TO ANY SPECIFIC AND FINAL REDEFINITION OF GROUND FORCES BEFORE AGREEMENT IS REACHED WITH THE EAST ON SUCH DATA."

3. FYI: WASHINGTON IS CURRENTLY DEVELOPING GUIDANCE ON ISSUE FOR SPC DISCUSSION. END FYI. KISSINGER

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